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No. 159. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 24th October 1871, No. 3,018 :—

I HAVE to forward, in original, a report of the death of a prisoner in the Jail at Vellore on the 14th instant.

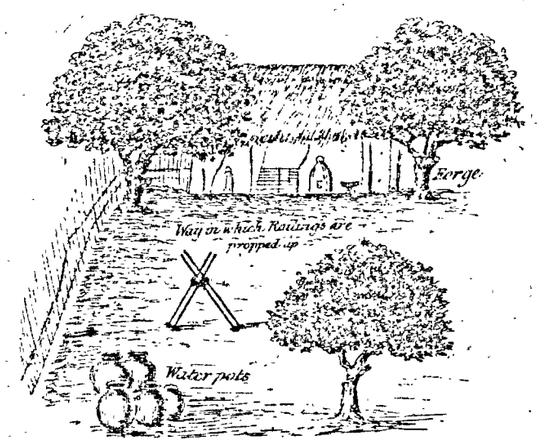
2. It appears that the man in question was not at work with the gang of convicts employed in putting up the railings, and he was crushed under two bays of railings which were standing in the way described in the report now sent in. Captain McLeod, I have no doubt, will also report to Government on the subject through his own superior.

3. It appears to have been purely accidental; every precaution has been taken during the time the Jail has been in progress to prevent accidents, and this is the first of the kind. This convict did not belong to gang at work.

From the Assistant Engineer, Vellore Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Vellore, 17th October 1871, No. 399.

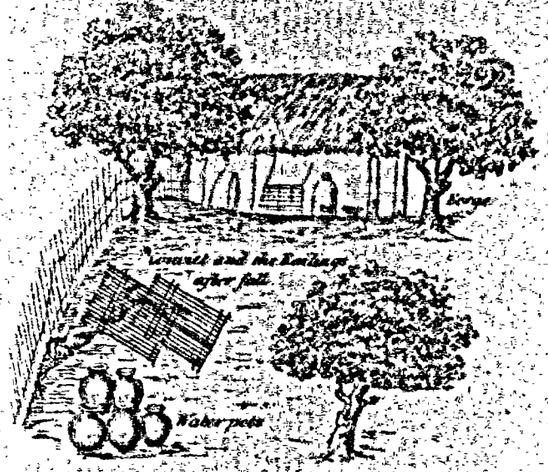
I EXTREMELY regret to report, for your information, the death of a convict at the Central Jail Works on Saturday the 14th instant, occasioned by the fall of iron railings as he passed by. He was by name Gareebshaw, a Mahomedan by race, and of 25 years' age, imprisoned for five years, of which he had only four months' confinement yet to undergo, and was a Maistry Convict in charge of the gang assisting the blacksmiths at the forge.

2. Two iron railings were propped up, one against the other, for mutual support the previous evening in the forge-yard as usual, in the manner shown in the sketch below. This work is performed by the convicts under the superintendence of the Warder in charge of the Jail Department.



3. The next morning (Saturday), about 7-30, a set of convicts (to which he did not belong) took up two more railings and propped over them and returned a few yards, when the deceased from the forge passed left side of them, I am told, to go to the water-pots to drink water, when

all of a sudden the railings began to fall down sideways, and the top flat bar struck him at the neck and threw him down on his side with the four iron railings overlying him (their weight being 2,860 lbs.), as delineated below, whereby his spine was fractured and he was mortally injured.



4. Immediately succour was rendered for his removal to the hospital, where, after 1¼ hour's survival, he expired. The evidence, as to the cause of their fall, is not clear; in fact nothing is known on the point; but however there can be no doubt, I think, that the death was purely accidental.

5. The Superintendent of the Central Jail has made a thorough enquiry into the case and he is of the same opinion, and does not attribute it to any undue carelessness on the part of the Warder in charge or of the convicts present.

No. 160. ORDER THEREON, 9th November 1871, No. 2,840.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 19. ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Fxd. S. T. Augustin.

Vellore Range Office,
Vellore, 17th October 1871.

No. 399

From

The Assistant Engineer,
Vellore Range

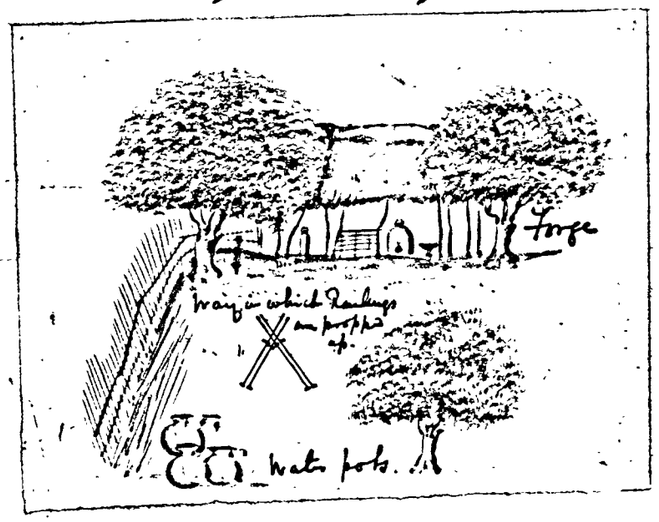
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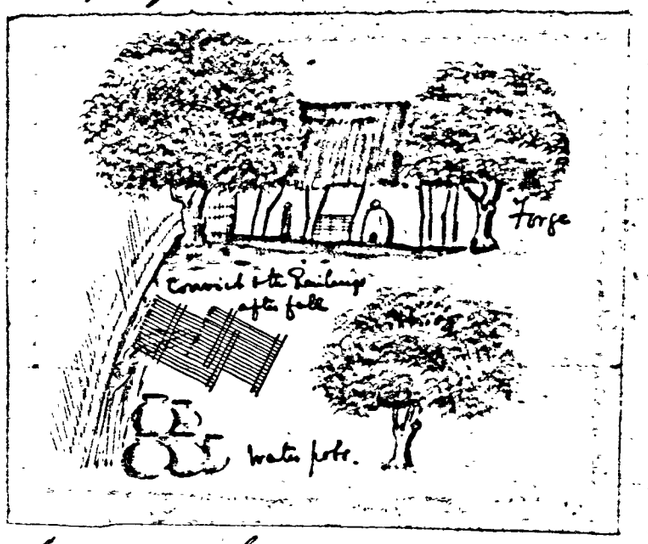
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

J. Schwarzkaiser, B.E.C.,
A.S.P. Engr Vellore Range

No 3018.

Sup.t Engr.s Office 1st Div.n
Madras 24 October 1871

From,

Colonel C. D. Wilkinson R.E.
Superintending Engineer 1st Div.n

To,

Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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Your most obedient servant
C. D. Wilkinson Colonel
Supg Engr 1st Divn

From
The Superintending Engineer
1st Division
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To
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P.W.D.
Madras
Dated 24th Oct.r 1871
No 3018
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The Supg Engineer
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To. The Secy to Govt
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Dated 24th
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